Under the scheme of NCLPs, rehabilitation centres have been set up with provision for non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care etc. So far, 85 child labour projects have been sanctioned in the child labour endemic States for coverage of 1.8 lakh children. This issue was also deliberated upon by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The court has given several directions, in their judgement dated 10.12.96, including payment of compensation by the employers employing children in hazardous occupations. The Government has already taken a number of steps to implement these directions.

(d) Does not arise.

Penalty on writing letter to PM

944. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether writing letter to the Prime Minister by the Chief Executive of a recognised service association of employees is a misconduct warranting imposition of a major penalty of compulsory retirement; and

(b) if so, the relevant provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Government servants who are office bearers of the Staff Association are subject to the provisions of conduct and disciplinary rules like all other Government servants. As per the provisions of Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993, all representations by Service Association shall be submitted through proper channel and shall be addressed to the Government/Head of the Organisation or Head of the Department or Office. An office bearer of the Staff Association, who violates the provisions of the Conduct Rules is liable for disciplinary action under rules. The quantum of penalty for any misconduct is decided by the disciplinary authority taking into account the gravity of the misconduct proved against the Government servant and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of each case.